



Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis

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Dear Friend:

As your U.S. Congresswoman, I am working to ensure that roads in our community are safe and accessible. One of my priorities is to make sure that the federal government does not block our community's ability to move forward with the completion of the 710 Freeway. I believe completing the freeway will relieve overcrowding on our city streets and improve our quality of life.

Recently, I successfully fought a federal ban on funding for the completion of the 710 Freeway.

For two years, federal transportation spending bills included language which blocked the 710 construction project. I succeeded in this fight, and this year for the first time, the federal ban was lifted.

According to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), completion of the 710 Gap is the most significant regional transportation project remaining to be built in Southern California. By making it easier to travel in our area, our neighborhoods will benefit from cleaner air and less traffic congestion. Construction of the 710 Freeway will also provide crucial jobs that are important in this time of rising unemployment rates.

Reports show that nearly 100,000 cars are diverted onto city streets around the 710 Gap everyday. I hope that turning back the federal ban will get us a step closer to making the completion of the 710 freeway a reality.

I appreciate your feedback on this issue and any other issues you feel are important to our community. Should you have any questions, please call my office at any of the numbers below.

Sincerely,

Hilda L. Solis
Member of Congress